

### **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An ethanolate of azithromycin having an ethanol content of about 1.5% to about 3%.

2. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 1, having a water content of about 2% to about 4%.

3. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 2, wherein the water content is between about 2.5% and about 3.5%.

4. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 1, wherein the ethanol content is about 1.5% to about 2.5%.

5. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 4, wherein the water content is about 2% to about 4%.

6. (Original) The ethanolate of claim 5, wherein the water content is between about 1.5% and about 2.5%.

7. (Original) An ethanolate of azithromycin that is characterized by a powder x-ray diffraction pattern substantially as depicted in FIG. 2.

8. (Original) A method of making an ethanolate of azithromycin, comprising the steps of:

forming an azithromycin solution by dissolving azithromycin in ethanol;

adding water to the azithromycin solution such that crystallization of the azithromycin begins and a suspension is formed; and,  
isolating the crystals of azithromycin.

**9.** (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising maintaining the suspension at a temperature from about 30° C. to about 80° C. for a period of time, following the step of adding water to the azithromycin solution.

**10.** (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising adding additional water to the suspension, and maintaining the suspension at a temperature from about 30° C. to about 80° C. for about 1 hour to about 18 hours, following the step of adding water to the azithromycin solution.

**11.** (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising cooling the suspension to about 20° C., prior to the step of isolating the crystals of azithromycin.

**12.** (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the ethanolate of azithromycin has an ethanol content of about 1.5% to about 3%.

**13.** (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the ethanolate of azithromycin has a water content of about 2% to about 4%.

**14.** (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the ethanolate is characterized by a powder x-ray diffraction pattern substantially as depicted in FIG. 2.

**15.** (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the ethanolate of the claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.